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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PROTEST A VARIETY OF "FEDERAL ACTIVITIES" IN
BERLIN

1. MARCH CHAIRMAN POLAD PERRIN RECEIVED MINISTER KHOTULEV
FROM SOVIET EMBASSY EAST BERLIN ON MARCH 7 WHO CAME TO
PROTEST THREE ASPECTS OF SO-CALLED FEDERAL ACTIVITIES WHICH
RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN WEST BERLIN.

2. FIRST WAS VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL GEISEL ON MARCH 9
WHICH KHOTULEV BRANDED A "NEW ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE
FRG TO EXERCISE STATE AUTHORITY IN BERLIN IN VIOLATION OF
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT (QA)."

3. SECOND PROTEST CONCERNED MARCH 3-4 MEETING OF KURATORIUM OF
GROUP "INDIVISIBLE GERMANY" WHICH KHOTULEV ASSERTED "COULD
ONLY BEEN SEEN AS A PROVOCATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
FASHION IN WHICH SPEAKERS THERE HAD EXPRESSED THEM-
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SELVES WITH REGARD TO THE GDR AND THE SOVIET UNION."

4. KHOTULEV ALSO PROTESTED MEETINGS IN WEEK BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 27 OF MINISTERSFROM FRG LAENDER RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT WITH FRG MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. SOME
SPEAKERS HAD HAD THE EFFRONTERY TO SPEAK OF "TERRITORY
AROUND BERLIN" TO INDICATE THE GDR.

5. PERRIN REPLIED THAT BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BERLIN DID NOT IN ANY WAY INDICATE FRG EXERCISE OF STATE AUTHORITY OVER THE WESTERN SECTORS; IT WAS NOT RARE THAT FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE CAME TO BERLIN WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ALLIES; THUS GEISEL'S VISIT WAS A MATTER NEITHER FOR SURPRISE NOR INDIGNATION.

6. PERRIN CONTINUED THAT "INDIVISIBLE GERMANY" WAS IN THE MINDS OF THE ALLIES ONLY A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION EVEN IF IT WAS COMPOSED LARGELY OF POLITICALLY PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS. THE ALLIES DID NOT DOUBT THAT CERTAIN OPINIONS STATED AT THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE PLEASING TO SOVIETS OR TO THE GDR BUT THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WERE ONLY EXPRESSING THEIR OWN OPINIONS; THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL FRG INVOLVMENT IN THE MEETING ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS HAD INDEED SPOKEN TO THE GROUP.

7. PERRIN ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT REVIEWED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS AND THUS HE DID NOT KNOW THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE PHRASE "TERRITORY AROUND BERLIN" MIGHT HAVE BEEN PRONOUNCED. BUT WHY SHOULD IT MATTER TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IF THAT PHRASE HAD INDEED BEEN USED? CLEARLY THE LAENDER MINISTERS COULD ONLY ACT OFFICIALLY FOR THEIR OWN PARTICULAR

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8. KHOTULEV THEN CHANGED THE SUBJECT. GEORGE

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